

In the claims

1. (currently amended) A method comprising:
providing digital image data;
determining an identity of a user associated with a communications device; and
defining a modified version of the provided digital image data, based on the determined identity of the user,
wherein defining the modified version of the provided digital image data, based on the determined identity of the user, comprises:
retrieving image-modification data from a database, based on the determined identity;
defining the modified version of the provided image data based on the retrieved image-modification data;
changing the image data to indicate identity of the user; and
changing the image data to include a watermark.
2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing the image data, comprises: scanning a hardcopy document to produce the digital image data.
3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing the digital image data, comprises: receiving an image file for attachment to an email message.
4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the identity of the user associated with the communications devices comprises accessing network login data associated with a device coupled to a communication network.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
accessing machine-identifying data in a memory associated with the communications device;
wherein defining the modified version of the provided digital image data, based on the determined identity of the user includes defining the modified version based on the accessed machine-identifying data.
6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the identity of the user comprises receiving data via a control panel of the communications device.
- 7.-9. (cancelled)
10. (currently amended) The method of claim [[9]] 1, wherein the watermark is normally visible when rendered by a printing device.
11. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising communicating the modified version of the provided image data to a digital data receiver.
12. (currently amended) A machine-readable medium comprising instructions for:
determining an identity of a user associated with a communications device; and
defining a modified version of scanned image data, based on the determined identity of the user,
wherein defining the modified version of the scanned image data, based on the determined identity of the user, comprises:
retrieving image-modification data from a database, based on the determined
identity;

- defining the modified version of the scanned image data based on the retrieved
image-modification data;
changing the image data to indicate identity of the user; and
changing the image data to include a watermark.
13. (cancelled)
14. (original) The medium of claim 12, wherein the medium is electronic, magnetic, or optical.
15. (currently amended) A method comprising:
changing scanned image data associated with a hardcopy document, based on user-identity data associated with a digital image sender,
wherein changing scanned image data associated with the hardcopy document, based on identity data associated with the digital image sender, comprises:
determining identity of a user of the digital image sender, based on network login information for the user;
retrieving image-modification data from a database, based on the determined identity;
changing the scanned image data based on the retrieved image-modification data; and
changing the scanned image data to include information indicating identity of the user and a time.
- 16.-17. (cancelled)
18. (currently amended) The method of claim [[17]] 15, wherein changing scanned image includes

changing the scanned image data to include information indicating identity of the image sender.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim [[17]] 15, wherein changing scanned image data based on the retrieved image-modification data, comprises changing the scanned image data to include one or more of a barcode, a watermark, and a header, with the included barcode, watermark, or header indicating identity of the user.

20. (currently amended) Apparatus comprising:

a scanner;

a control panel; and

a scanner;

a control module coupled to the scanner and the control panel, the control module

including:

a processor; and

a storage medium coupled to the processor including instructions for:

determining an identity of a user associated with the apparatus; and

defining a modified version of scanned image data from the scanner, based on the determined identity of the user,

wherein defining the modified version of the scanned image data, based on the determined identity of the user, comprises:

retrieving image-modification data from a database, based on the determined identity;

defining the modified version of the scanned image data based on the retrieved image-modification data;

changing the image data to indicate identity of the user; and

changing the image data to include a watermark.

21. (cancelled)

22. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim [[21]] 20, further including a network communications device for communicating the modified version of the scanned image data using a network communications protocol.

23. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim [[21]] 20, wherein the instructions for determining identity of a user of the apparatus, include instructions for determining identity of the user based on network login information for the user.

24. (currently amended) Apparatus comprising:

a scanner;

a control panel;

a scanner; and

a control module coupled to the scanner and the control panel, the control module

including:

means for determining an identity of a user associated with the apparatus;

and

means for defining a modified version of scanned image data from the scanner, based on the determined identity of the user,

wherein the means for defining the modified version of the scanned image data is further

for:

retrieving image-modification data from a database, based on the determined

identity;

_____ defining the modified version of the scanned image data based on the retrieved

_____ image-modification data;

_____ changing the image data to indicate identity of the user; and

_____ changing the image data to include a watermark.